

Hebrews 9:24–28

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²⁶ He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

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Sola Christus ***Hebrews 9:24-28***

INTRO:

The third of the five solas is Sola Christus, which means Christ alone. **Acts 4:12** says, ***“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”*** The conflict was not over the divinity or exclusiveness of Christ, but over the sufficiency of His sacrifice. So, our study today will be an exploration of **Hebrews 9:24-28**.

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Hebrews 9:24 ***“For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;”***

A. We are jumping into a discussion when we arrive at **Hebrews 9:24**. **Hebrews 9** is a contrast between the offerings of the Old Covenant and the offering [singular] of the New Covenant. The offerings of the Old Covenant could never forgive sins. However, the Lord Jesus Christ, offering Himself as the one for all sacrifice brought forgiveness of sin for all who believe in Him.

B. The offerings of the Aaronic high priests were made in the holy places, but Christ offered Himself in Heaven itself. The writer emphasized first in **verse 24**, that the earthly holy of holies was simply a foreshadowing of the reality in heaven.

“For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true”

As much as the Jewish people valued the Temple and the ceremonies, they were all shadows, the reality was heaven itself.

v.24 ***“But into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;”***

C. The difference between the offering of Christ and that of the animals differ not only in its location. It differed in its nature. On one hand we have bulls, goats, and sheep. On the other we have the eternal, sinless, divine Son of God incarnate. It also differed in its quality.

Hebrews 9:12-14 ***“Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”***

Not only was this not an animal, it was a willing sacrifice of the very Son of God.

II. The Sufficiency of His Sacrifice (v.25-28)

Hebrews 9:25-28 ***“Not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another— He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.”***

A. First, the writer wanted us to know Christ's Sacrifice is once for all.

1. He stated it.

v.26 ***“But now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”***

Jesus did not sacrifice Himself several times. He did it once. Why once?

Because it was sufficient for all eternity! He wrote about it again in **Hebrews 10:12-14**.

“But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.”

He also used the phrase, He ***“put away”*** sin. The Greek Word means to legally cancel sin. He wiped it out.

2. Second, he illustrated it.

vs.27-28 ***“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.”***

As humankind's judgment will happen once and the result will be eternal, so also the Christ's offering happened once and its effect is eternal.

B. The Writer also wanted us to know Jesus is coming back, but that return will have nothing to do with sin.

v.28 *“So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation”*

Sin has been dealt with once for all. There is no continual or perpetual sacrifice.

Only the Lord Jesus who laid down His life once for His people and thus will someday return to bring His people home.

What Does This Tell Us?

1. If we are going to be one of those for whom Jesus returns, we must have trusted Him as Savior and receive Him.

2. We must never forget or take for granted that it cost nothing less than the Lord Jesus coming to earth and dying in our place for us to be forgiven and to be in right relationship with the living God.

Galatians 2:21 (NASB95) *“I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.”*

In Christ Alone